

## BUILDING HUGE MOTORBOAT

### Russian-American Co. To Have A Gasoline-Driven Ocean Liner.

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New York, Jan. 6.—Pioneer of all steamship lines to have a motor-driven passenger liner in service on the Atlantic Ocean, the Russian-American Line, which maintains a service between this port, Rotterdam and Libau, Russia, has now building on the Clyde a gasoline-driven vessel that may be the forerunner of a type of passenger ship that will revolutionize the style of ocean craft.

The new ship, as yet unnamed, will enter this harbor some time next September, taking her regular place in the schedule of the company.

A huge motorboat, the new ship will accommodate 400 cabin passengers and 1,200 in the steerage, and will have room for 8,000 tons deadweight of cargo. There will be every appliance on board for the comfort and safety of passengers, and there will be little on the outside to tell of the change except the absence of the usual smokestacks.

The power plant consists of two motors coupled on each of three shafts driving three screws. Approximately 7,000 horsepower will be generated in the six motors and the new ship will be driven at a speed of 17 knots. This will make her the fastest vessel engaged in the passenger trade to Rotterdam and Libau, and the trip to the first port will be made in seven and one-half days and to the last port in nine and a half days.

The company expects to make a considerable saving in the use of the internal combustion engines over the steam engines and their boilers because of less space required for the engine plant. The saving in space will result in 2,000 tons more freight carried than on board the Russia, a similar steamship, and there will be a big reduction in the engine-room force.